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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **Baker Family Learning Center Solar Project Awarded to Local Company**

**SAN BERNARDINO** – The County Board of Supervisors today awarded local company McKeon Electric an \$89,890 contract to construct the Baker Family Learning Center's solar project.

From a pool of 12 contractors, San Bernardino City based firm submitted the lowest responsible bid for the mounting of a photovoltaic system on the Learning Center's roof.

"Keeping the construction dollars and the jobs to build the Baker Family Learning Center in the County makes the project a win-win for everyone," said Chair Josie Gonzales, who represents the 5<sup>th</sup> District on the County Board of Supervisors.

"The Center honors Mr. Neal Baker, a successful businessman who wanted to give back to his hometown of Muscoy. This award to McKeon Electric gives a local business and its employees an economic opportunity and is a nice complement to the community spirit of this project," Gonzales added.

Last month Supervisor Gonzales joined members of the community, county departments and others for the official groundbreaking of the 11,000 square foot center that will include a new library and preschool site. Its grand opening will be in Spring 2013.

"I want to see more local companies awarded county projects. We need to keep our dollars circulating within our own economy, expanding business and providing jobs," said Supervisor Gonzales.

Vendors can register on the County's e-Procurement Network, a web-based system called e-Pro that enables business owners and operators to receive online notifications of requests for proposals, bids and quotes. It can also be used to electronically view, print and respond to solicitations and help bidders meet submittal deadlines.

To register for e-Pro go to https://epro.sbcounty.gov/epro/. For more information about the County's Purchasing Department at (909) 387-2060 or visit its website at www.sbcounty.gov/purchasing/.